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48. (Twice Amended) The method of fluid distribution of claim 47, including a step of utilizing ceramic filter units having a polygonal cross-sectional configuration with a length of 0.5 inches to 3 inches.

53. (Amended) The method of fluid distribution of claim 47, including a step of utilizing ceramic filter units having a substantially circular cross-sectional configuration and a diameter of 0.5 inches to 3 inches.

54. (Amended) The method of fluid distribution of claim 47, including a step of utilizing ceramic filter units having a square cross-sectional configuration with a width of 0.5 inches to 3 inches.

55. (Amended) The method of fluid distribution of claim 47, including a step of utilizing ceramic filter units having an elliptical shape and a major axes of 0.5 inches to 3 inches.

56. (Amended) The method of fluid distribution of claim 47, including a step of utilizing ceramic filter units having an elliptical shape and a minor axes of 0.5 inches to 3-2 inches.

57. The method of fluid distribution of claim 47, including a step of utilizing ceramic filter units having a rectangular shape with a length of about 0.5 inches to 3 inches.

58. The method of fluid distribution of claim 47, including a step of utilizing ceramic filter units having a rectangular shape with a width of about 0.5 inches to 3 inches.

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